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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Oral Hearing (a signed copy of which is attached hereto), dated October 21, 2003, attendance at the oral hearing is hereby confirmed, it being noted that the hearing has been set for January 8, 2004.

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37 CFR § 1.136(a) does not apply.

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